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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HIDAKA, Haretaro et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1746

Serial No.: 10/058,223

Examiner: **JONATHAN CREPEAU**

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For: **INTEGRATED PIPING PLATE, MACHINING METHOD FOR SAME,
MACHINING APPARATUS FOR SAME, AND MACHINING EQUIPMENT
FOR SAME**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED MAY 25, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: June 22, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **May 25, 2004**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1, 2, 4, 11 and 43-45;
Group (II), Claim 3; Group (III), Claims 5-10, 12 and 13; and Group (IV), Claims 14-42, 46 and
47.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (III), Claims 5-10, 12 and 13 for
prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that
the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject
matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an
appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit
Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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